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Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and
Uzbekistan: draft resolution

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone
in Central Asia

The General Assembly,

Emphasizing the importance of internationally recognized agreements on the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones in various regions of the world,

Recalling paragraphs 60, 61, 62 and 64 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,¹ the provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons² and paragraphs 5 and 6 of the decision entitled "Principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament" in the Final Document of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,³ concerning the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones,

Recalling the Almaty Declaration of the Heads of State of the Central Asian States of 28 February 1997⁴ and the statement by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan on the establishment of

¹ Resolution S-10/2.

² United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 729, No. 10485.

³ NPT/CONF.1995/32 (Part I), annex, decision 2.

⁴ A/52/112, annex.



a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia,⁶ signed at Tashkent on 15 September 1997,

Reaffirming the generally recognized role of the United Nations in promoting the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones,

Convinced that the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones in various regions of the world can contribute to the achievement of general and complete disarmament,

Believing that the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones in various regions, including Central Asia, will help to strengthen peace and stability at both the regional and the global levels and is in the interests of the security of the States in the Central Asian region,

Welcoming the offer of the Kyrgyz Republic to hold a consultative meeting of experts on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia in Bishkek in 1998,

1. Calls upon all States to support the initiative aimed at the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to provide assistance to the Central Asian countries in the preparation of the form and elements of an agreement on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

3. Decides to consider the question of the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia at its fifty-third session under the agenda item "General and complete disarmament".

⁶ A/52/390, annex.